State Government to take up new relief works in the drought affected areas.

(c) The request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh was agreed to subject to adjustment of available balances in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the State.

Alarming rate of migration from villages

†1504. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that facilities of development in villages are negligible and migration from villages to cities has acquired dangerous proportion;

(b) if so, what is the rate of this migration and State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this migration is creating social and family imbalance in States like Rajasthan, Bihar and Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to stop this migration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) While the rural-urban divide in terms of facilities is visible, no such report has been received in the Ministry indicating migration from villages to cities has acquired dangerous proportion.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Ministry does not have any such report.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development implements the Sampooma Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) in the rural areas of the country to generate wage employment, which in turn would reduce migration from villages to cities in search of employment. In addition, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana also creates self-employment in the rural areas.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.